

# STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## Agenda Consideration

**TOPIC:** Proposed Policy 7-51.2      **ITEM NO:** 9D

**PREPARED BY:** Jean S. Murray, Superintendent  
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**MEETING:** August 24, 2004  
**ACTION DATE:** August 24, 2004

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### ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:

That the School Board adopt the attached proposed Policy 7-51.2, Tuberculosis Screening.

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### KEY POINTS:

Recently Dr. Donald Stern of the Stafford County Health Department met with superintendents and other representatives of school divisions in Planning District 16 to discuss the need for tuberculosis screenings of students. A Tuberculosis School Policy Planning Group was formed as a result of this meeting. The group has drafted a recommended policy for adoption by school divisions within the planning district. Upon request of Dr. Stein, the Virginia Department of Health Office for Tuberculosis Control reviewed the group's recommendations and concurred with them. The attached proposed policy incorporates the recommendations of the Tuberculosis School Policy Planning Group, however, the language of the proposed policy is unique to Stafford County.

At the special-called meeting on August 6, School Board members raised questions about implementation of this policy. Staff is seeking response from Dr. Stern, Virginia Department of Health.

**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL:** (Goal 7) Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:** Bylaw 1-32, Policy Adoption, Amendment and Suspension

**STUDENTS****Tuberculosis Screening****A. Enrollment Requirements**

The Parents or guardian of each student entering Stafford County Public Schools for the first time shall either:

1) provide written documentation executed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or registered nurse, within 90 days preceding entry into school, which assesses the risk of the student for having contracted tuberculosis and which indicates low risk of the student for tuberculosis disease; said documentation shall be indicated upon a form either provided by or approved by Stafford County Public Schools;

2) provide written medical documentation of a Tuberculosis (Mantoux) skin test having been administered within 90 days preceding entry into school and which presents negative with no current symptoms of active Tuberculosis disease; OR,

3) provide written medical documentation of the student having completed treatment for active tuberculosis disease or latent tuberculosis infection and that there exist no current symptoms of active disease.

Subject to any requirements of law to the contrary, a student shall be denied enrollment in Stafford County Public Schools if the requirements set forth above are not satisfied. Students identified as having a disability shall be provided educational services consistent with the requirements of IDEA.

**B. Conditional Enrollment**

A student shall be permitted to enroll for a period not to exceed 45 school days upon condition that the parent or guardian of the student presents to school officials written medical documentation of the student being asymptomatic for tuberculosis and, in addition, that either: (1) the student received a live virus vaccine less than 30 days prior to the tuberculosis screening and a tuberculosis (Mantoux) skin test was required as a result of the tuberculosis risk assessment, or (2) the initial tuberculosis (Mantoux) skin test was indeterminate and a further test was necessitated to verify the results.



**STUDENTS****Tuberculosis Screening****C. Screening and Skin Testing of Enrolled Students**

Commencing with the 2004-05 school year and continuing through the 2009-10 school year, all seventh grade students shall be required to provide written documentation completed by either a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or registered nurse which assesses the risk of the student for having contracted tuberculosis. Parents and Guardians shall be notified that tuberculin skin testing shall be required of any student indicated to be at risk for tuberculosis disease.

**D. Students Returning to Stafford County Public Schools**

Students returning from extended trips of more than five months duration from an area of high prevalence of tuberculosis are required to present to school officials the results of current tuberculosis screening prior to re-enrollment, said results to present negative with no current symptoms of active tuberculosis disease.

**E. Cooperation with Health Department**

School officials in carrying out the requirements of this policy may seek the guidance, recommendations, and assistance of the Stafford County Health Department and of the Rappahannock Area Health District (Planning District 16).

Adopted by School Board: